



GALA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2019
Time: 6:03pm to 7:32pm
Location: 1060 Palm St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

1. Call to Order:

President Rob Diaz called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. **Quorum was present.**

2. Roll Call:

Present: Rob Diaz (President), Jane Lloyd (Vice President), Jeff Eckles (Treasurer), Doug J. Heumann (Secretary), Dave Weisman, Denise Taylor, C.J. Gormley

Guests: Lynn Schmidt (GALA Art Curator), Sam Byrd-Cal Poly Lead Coordinator for Campus LGBTQ+ Initiatives, Ariana Brown-Cal Poly Assistant to Byrd, Elissa Dehart-Bi+ Group, John Boling-Senior Advocacy

Absent: N/A

Staff: Michelle Call, Executive Director

3. Speakers

3.1 Nestor Veloz-Passaloacqua re: Latinx Youth Group- rescheduled for November Board meeting

3.2 Sam Bryd introduced Ariana and discussed numerous campus issues, including Pride Housing, Queer & Trans Leadership Council and the fact that the Health Center will begin prescribing HRT for the first time. Sam also offered to advertise any GALA activities on Cal Poly website.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1 Approval of August Board Meeting Minutes – 6:08pm

Diaz presented the August Board Meeting Minutes for approval. Diaz made a Motion to Approve and Taylor seconded. The Vote regarding the Motion to Approve the August Board Meeting Minutes PASSED with 7 approvals, 0 oppositions, and 0 abstentions.

4.2 Approval of September Board Meeting Minutes – 6:10pm

Diaz presented the September Board Meeting Minutes for approval. Diaz made a Motion to Approve and Eckles seconded. The Vote regarding the Motion to Approve the September Board Meeting Minutes PASSED with 6 approvals, 0 oppositions, and 1 abstentions.

4.3 Approval of September Financial Report – Eckles – 6:12pm

Eckles informed the Board that he is still waiting for monies from Event Brite and SLO Queerdos – Gormley offered to follow-up with SLO Queerdos.

Eckles presented the September Financial Report for approval. Diaz made a Motion to Approve and Lloyd seconded. The Vote regarding the Motion to Approve the September Financial Report PASSED with 7 approvals, 0 oppositions, and 0 abstentions.

4.4 Executive Director Report – Call – 6:17pm

Call provided her written Report to the Board prior to the meeting and copies were available at the meeting to any interested persons. Subjects included:

- Website
- CAME Security Alarms – Board asked for additional quotes
- Carpet quotes
- Jim Kunkler, GALA Librarian will retire due to health issues. Ender can assist someone, but not take Jim's place.

4.5 Flags – Heumann – 6:35pm

Heumann asked the Board to consider erecting a flagpole for a pride flag(s).

Discussion

- Only way to have a flag is with a pole or it will be a constant fight with defacement.
- Would want a Philadelphia Pride Flag, includes persons of color (Call)
- What would it cost to install, permits, etc.?
- Heumann will research and bring back to the Board

4.5 GALA Senior History Project – Heumann – 6:45pm

Heumann read from a Tauria Linala email regarding a past GTI grant awarded to GALA regarding a history project, which GTI does not believe was fulfilled. The concern is that another grant is being requested by another group for possibly the same work. No one had any information about the past grant. Heumann will work with Weisman and Call to sort out the details.

5. GALA Group Committee Reports:

5.1 SLO Lez Be Friends – Lloyd – 6:48pm

Lloyd reported that the 3rd Friday Game Night was a success.

5.2 Q&R Groups – Diaz/Call - 6:50pm

- Diaz reported that the Q&R groups continue to meet together—usually 10-20 attendees—very supportive of one another.
- Question was asked about the difference between the two groups—Queer Youth Group is ages 11-18 and Rainbow Group is ages 18-25.
- Call reported on the Body Positive billboard. Schmidt is taking the photographs and creating the accompanying artwork.
- Heumann asked if there would be another teen representative. Diaz still assessing

5.3 Tranz Central Coast – Taylor – 6:56pm

Taylor substituted for Chair Woolf and reported:

- ToT Group meeting on 9/28/19 (4-hour training) at Twin Cities Community Hospital was very informative
- Trans Youth Group re-started on Sept 10th.
- 11/20/19 (Wed), TCC will be working with 5 Cities HOPE to have this event in Centennial Park, Arroyo Grande at 5pm

5.4 Pride – Call - 7:00pm

Call reported on

- Wrap-up meeting of the committee held on 9/15/19 – directed the board members to Notes from Ryan Miller. Diaz pointed out that Miller's report was an excellent tool for 2020 Pride.
- Expect 2020 Pride meetings to begin before January

5.4 Senior Advocacy – Boling - 7:03pm

Call introduced Boling as new chair

Boling reported:

- Next meeting will be Friendsgiving on 11/27/19
- Planning to hold meetings every month

5.5 Bi+ Group – Dehart - 7:04pm

Dehart reported:

- Group planning for Bi Visibility Day
- Generally, 8 attendees at meetings
- Established a Facebook page and Instagram presence

5.6 Outreach – Taylor - 7:08pm

Taylor reported:

- 9/08/19 held Queer Retreat at Filiponni Ranch—attendees included GALA, Cal Poly, HOPE, SLO Queerdos, TCC, Lompoc Pride Alliance and other non-profits. Discussed what each group does and what it needs, etc. Expect to hold another within 3-4 months.
- Week of Welcome at Cal Poly—Lloyd tabled and met 30-40 students

5.7 Governance – Heumann - 7:14pm

Heumann reported that Committee met on 9/26/19 and decided that creating a full Policies and Procedures Manual was too time-consuming.

Heumann made a Motion to Approve the Expenditure of \$75/hour x 5 hours for SPOKES to Draft a Policies and Procedures Manual and Eckles seconded. The Vote regarding the Motion to Approve the Expenditure of \$75/hour x 5 hours for SPOKES to Draft a Policies and Procedures Manual PASSED with 7 approvals, 0 oppositions, and 0 abstentions.

Call is authorized to contact SPOKES to start the process.

5.8 Art Curator – Schmidt – 7:20pm

- Schmidt reported that new show will be the Pride Exhibit, which will run through January
- Taylor suggested that GALA continue to participate monthly in the Art After Dark program, but Schmidt would only be expected to attend the opening, the other months two board members would handle. That scenario was agreed upon by all.

5.9 Fundraising – Weisman - 7:26pm

Weisman reported on the Wine Train fundraiser

- 16 GALA members—rest were others
- He will have a financial report next month
- Possibly schedule another Wine-Train fundraiser for April/May 2020 (always 3rd Friday of the month)

Board Announcements – 7:31pm

None

6. Next Meeting:

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7. Adjournment:

Meeting Chair Diaz: adjourned the meeting at 7:32pm